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1. SUMMARY: NOW SEEMS CLEAR FRENTE WILL HAVE MAJORITY IN
SENATE AND AT LEAST 16 OF 22 GOVERNORSHIPS. END SUMMERY.

2. SITUATION IN GUBERNATORIAL AND SENATORIAL RACES HAS
CLARIFIED SINCE YESTERDAY. IN FORMER, FRENTE WON GOVERNOR-
SHIPS ON FIRST ROUND IN EIGHT PROVINCES RATHER THAN IN
POSSIBLE 9 SUGGESTED IN REFTEL (MORE COMPLETE VOTE COUNT
INDICATED THEY DID NOT ACHIEVE 50 PERCENT IN RIO NEGRO).
THERE WILL THUS BE RUN- OFFS IN 14 PROVINCES. OF THESE,
FRENTE HAS EXCELLENT CHANCE OF WINNING AT LEAST EIGHT.
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UCR' S CHANCES ARE EXCELLENT ONLY IN CORDOBA AND CHUBUT. SAPAGS HAVE GOVERNORSHIP FAIRLY WELL LOCKED UP IN NEUQUEN, HAVING WON ALMOST 49 PERCENT ON THE FIRST ROUND. ANOTHER PROVINCIAL PARTY, THE BLOQUISTAS, ARE LIKELY TO WIN IN SAN JUAN. TWO OTHER RACES, IN SANTA CRUZ AND SANTIAGO DEL ESTERO, ARE SO CLOSE AS TO RENDER ANY PREDICTION MEANINGLESS AT THIS TIME. IN SUM, FRENTE ALMOST CERTAIN TO END UP WITH AT LEAST 16 OF THE 22 GOVERNORSHIPS.

3. PATTERN OF SENATORIAL RACES CLOSELY FOLLOWS THAT OF GUBERNATORIAL ELECTIONS. FRENTE WON THE TWO SENATORIAL SEATS ALLOTTED TO MAJORITY PARTY IN SAME EIGHT PROVINCES IN WHICH IT WON GOVERNORSHIPS. THERE WILL BE SECOND ROUND IN 14 PROVINCES AND IN FEDERAL CAPITAL. AGAIN, FRENTE LIKELY TO WIN IN AT LEAST 8. UNR HAS GOOD CHANCE IN CORDOBA , CHUBUT AND FEDERAL CAPITAL. IF FRENTE ENDS UP AS MAJORITY PARTY IN 16 DISTRICTS AND AS MINORITY PARTY IN OTHER SEVEN, AS NOW SEEMS LIKELY, IT WILL HAVE TOTAL OF 39 OUT OF 69 SEATS IN SENATE-- FOUR MORE THAN NEEDED FOR MAJORITY.
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